



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Saint Paul Port Authority, MN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Saint Paul Port Authority was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants, a brownfields cleanup grant, and a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. Located in eastern Minnesota, Saint Paul (population 287,151) suffered economically during the 1970s and 1980s, when important industrial job centers closed down or left the city. The city today is a federally designated Enterprise Community with an increasing minority population that includes African-American, Hmong, and Hispanic residents. In some neighborhoods, up to 31 percent of residents live below the poverty level. There are approximately 1,000 acres of brownfield properties in Saint Paul, mostly concentrated along the Mississippi River and



Assessment Grants



**\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum**

EPA has selected the Saint Paul Port Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform five to seven Phase I and two to four Phase II environmental site assessments at brownfields throughout the community. Funds also will be used to prepare two to four response action plans, and conduct community involvement activities, which may include translation of materials into Spanish and Hmong. Petroleum funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Saint Paul Port Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Globe Building Materials property at 1107-1148 East 7th Street. Since the 1860s, the site was used as a machine shop, paint shop, warehouse storage site, car barn and repair shop, and metal iron works facility. It includes at least 20 known storage tanks, many of which have been leaking. Funds also will be used for community involvement activities.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant



\$1,000,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Saint Paul Port Authority for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Saint Paul Port Authority will provide loans and subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances. Grant funds will be used for site selection and prioritization, and community involvement activities.

former industrial corridors. Special emphasis will be placed on conducting assessments within three project areas that have high poverty and crime rates. When brownfields are assessed, the city's goal is to develop them into business and cleaned up brownfield properties. The Globe Building Materials property, the cleanup target site, is in the Greater East Side neighborhood, the most impoverished in the Twin Cities. The minority population is 60 percent in the neighborhood, which is in blighted decline. When the brownfield is cleaned up, it will be used for commercial and industrial purposes. Redevelopment of the area's brownfields will create jobs, increase property tax revenues, remove blight and related safety and health risks, increase the quality of community life, and spur spin-off economic activity at area service and retail businesses.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.